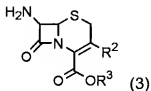
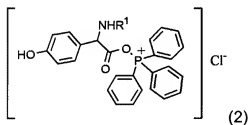
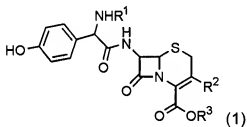


**Amendments to the Claims:**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

**Listing of Claims:**

1. (Original) A process for preparing a compound represented by the following formula 1 or its salt, which comprises reacting a compound represented by the following formula 2 with a compound represented by the following formula 3 in the presence of a base:



wherein R<sup>1</sup> is a hydrogen or an amino protecting group, R<sup>2</sup> is methyl, propen-1-yl, or 1H-1,2,3-triazole-4-yl-thiomethyl, and R<sup>3</sup> is a hydrogen or a carboxyl protecting group.

2. (Currently Amended) The process of claim 1, wherein the compound of the formula 2 is ~~an anhydride~~ in anhydrous form.

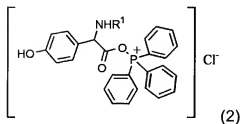
3. (Currently Amended) The process of claim 1, ~~wherein the compound of the formula 2 reacts with the compound of the formula 3 at an equivalent ratio of 1.1-1.5 to 1~~ wherein the equivalent ratio of the compound of formula 2 to the compound formula 3 is 1.1-1.5 to 1.

4. (Original) The process of claim 1, wherein the compound of the formula 2 reacts with the compound of the formula 3 in a mixed solvent of water with an organic solvent selected from the group consisting of dimethylsulfoxide, dimethylformamide, dimethylacetamide, 1,4-dioxane, acetonitrile, dichloromethane, and a mixture thereof.

5. (Original) The process of claim 4, wherein in the mixed solvent, water is used in an amount of 0.05 to 0.3 parts by weight, based on 1 part by weight of the organic solvent.

6. (Original) The process of claim 1, wherein the base is selected from the group consisting of N-methylmorpholine, triethylamine, diethylamine, n-tributylamine, N,N-dimethylaniline, and pyridine.

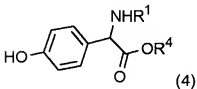
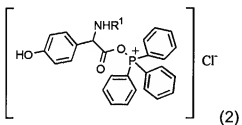
7. (Original) A compound represented by the following formula 2:



wherein R<sup>1</sup> is a hydrogen or an amino protecting group.

8. (Currently Amended) The compound of claim 7, which is ~~an anhydride in~~ anhydrous form.

9. (Original) A process for preparing a compound represented by the following formula 2, which comprises reacting a compound represented by the following formula 4 with dichlorotriphenylphosphorane in the presence of a base:



wherein R<sup>1</sup> is a hydrogen or an amino protecting group, and R<sup>4</sup> is hydrogen, sodium, or potassium.

10. (Currently Amended) The process of claim 9, ~~wherein the compound of the formula 4 reacts with dichlorotriphenylphosphorane at an equivalent ratio of 1 to 1.1-1.5~~ wherein the equivalent ratio of the compound of the formula 4 to dichlorotriphenylphosphorane is 1 to 1.1-1.5

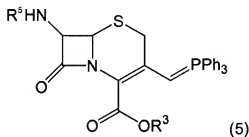
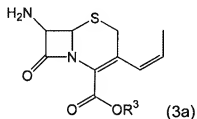
11. (Original) The process of claim 9, wherein the compound of the formula 4 reacts with dichlorotriphenylphosphorane in an organic solvent selected from the group consisting of dichloromethane, acetonitrile, tetrahydrofuran, and a mixture thereof.

12. (Original) The process of claim 9, wherein the base is selected from the group consisting of triethylamine, diethylamine, n-tributylamine, N,N-dimethylaniline, and pyridine.

13. (Original) The process of claim 9, wherein dichlorotriphenylphosphorane is obtained by reaction between triphenylphosphine and hexachloroethane.

14. (Original) The process of claim 13, wherein the reaction of triphenylphosphine and hexachloroethane and the reaction of the compound of the formula 4 and dichlorotriphenylphosphorane in the presence of a base are performed by one-pot reaction.

15. (Withdrawn) A process for stereospecifically preparing a compound represented by the following formula 3a, which comprises a compound represented by the following formula 5 with acetaldehyde in a mixed solvent comprising water, isopropanol, and methylenechloride in a volume ratio of 1:3-6:11-14 in the presence of a base:



wherein  $R^3$  is a hydrogen or a carboxyl protecting group, and  $R^5$  is a hydrogen or an amino protecting group.

16. (Withdrawn) The process of claim 15, wherein in the mixed solvent, water, isopropanol, and methylenechloride have a volume ratio of 1:4:12.